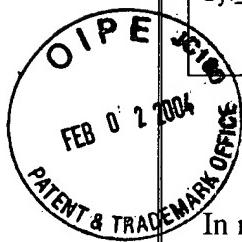


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed on January 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the present paper. This amendment supersedes the amendment filed on September 26, 2003.

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.